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Planning

Save the date: Preparedness, EMS, and Trauma Summit May 27

IDPH is in the planning stages of a Preparedness, EMS, and Trauma Summit to be held May 27, 2015 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. More information on speakers, the agenda, and room rate information to follow.

Ebola Funding

Our federal partners have notified BETS that ebola-specific PHEP and HPP funding will be made available. This funding will come in the form of new contracts that's anticipated to be released April 1, 2015

Coalition Preparedness RFP

BETS anticipates releasing the Health Care Coalition Request for Proposal around March 1 on the lowagrants.gov Grant Opportunities page. This funding will be the follow-on coalition funding for the FY2015-16 grant year.

2015 Protocol Changes

Changes to the Iowa 2015 Statewide EMS Treatment Protocols were approved by the EMS Advisory Council at the January 14 meeting. In the update, *Selective Spinal Immobilization* will replace the current Appendix K: *Assessment Based Spinal Immobilization*. This assessment-based protocol is no longer limited to the Paramedic Specialist and Paramedic levels; those certified EMT and above may use the new protocol.

National trends and evolving best practice are moving away from the automatic application of the long spine board. Recent literature has demonstrated that securing a patient to a long spine board for extended periods of time may be harmful to the patient.

American College of Surgeons Site Visit

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) will be completing a trauma system consultation visit this week in Des Moines. The purpose of this visit is to review the entire trauma system continuum through prevention, preparedness, pre-hospital care, definitive care, rehabilitative services, and system improvement. The results of the visit will be shared when made available to BETS.

Automatic Transport Ventilators

The Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services (BETS) has been working with the Quality Assurance, Standards and Protocols (QASP) committee to develop a definition for the Automatic Transport Ventilator (ATV). At the January 14 meeting of QASP, a draft definition was presented and discussed by the members and guests. It was decided that additional work was needed on the definition. The revised document will be discussed at the next QASP meeting.

and there was some concern about CPAP wording in the document. Some services have new equipment that incorporates CPAP into the ATV. It was decided that BETS staff should revise the document and bring it back to QASP at the April meeting.

Training

PIO Training

IDPH, working with Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has scheduled several G-290 Basic Public Information Officer courses across the state this spring. More details and registration is available at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/>
Thurs/Fri, Mar 5-6 in W. Burlington
Sat/Sun, March 7-8 in W. Burlington
Tues/Wes, March 24-25 in Sheldon
Thur/Fri, April 23-24 in Council Bluffs
Classes scheduled in Des Moines and Waterloo are full

Additional Training Opportunities

Date	Title	Location	Registration Info.
February 10, 2015	Bi-Annual EMS Instructor Update		Contact your local EMS training program for information
February 17, 2015	Evaluator Workshop		Contact your local EMS training program for information
February 21, 2015	IEMSA Annual Peds Conference	Coralville Holiday Inn	www.iemsa.net
April 7, 2015	Dealing w/Media for Rural First Responders	SWCC – Creston	http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/